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Bakery Wagon Drivers Denied Pay Adjustment By War Labor Board

An increase in basic pay of $6.30 per week, which was negotiated and agreed upon by representatives of the Bakery Wagon Drivers and Salesmen's Local No. 432 and the bakers' club, last December to be retroactive to October 1, 1942, was denied by the regional war labor board in a 4 to 2 decision handed down by that body Saturday, July 31st.

Paul Fuhrer, business representative of the Bakery Wagon Drivers and Salesmen's Local No. 432, declared: "We are stunned by this decision." Last March the union received authorization from the WLB granting the $6.30 per week increase plus contract commissions for the members of this local employed by 12 independent employers. Now to deny any increase in basic pay to approximately 200 men or about half the membership employed by another group of employers is beyond our understanding.

The industry and public members of the WLB in denying the increase, base their opinion on the fact that these employers have a voluntary commission plan in effect. By this plan some members receive considerable commission, while others receive little or none.

This voluntary commission is not part of the contract, was not a matter of negotiation between the union and the employers and as we see it, the WLB has substituted the voluntary commission plan adopted by the employers in place of the increase in basic pay negotiated and agreed upon between the union and the employers.

Paul Fuhrer stated that further action in the matter will be taken up at a special meeting of the union, to be held Tuesday evening, August 10th, at 7 p. m., in the labor temple, 2111 Webster street, Oakland.

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Central Labor Council Holds Annual Election

Central labor council of Alameda county held the annual election of officers on Monday of this week and the following named delegates were elected to serve for the ensuing term:

President, Chas. D. Clark; first vice president, A. G. Alameida; second vice president, Geo. Davis; recording and corresponding secretary, Robert S. Ash; assistant recording and corresponding secretary, William P. Fee; secretary-treasurer, H. J. Badger; sergeant-at-arms, C. C. Nelson.

Trustees, James H. Doyle, Carl Nelson and H. Wilkin. Executive and arbitration committee, A. G. Alameida, A. E. Brown, Al Brown, Ruben Brown, James D'Arcy, William P. Fee, Paul Fuhrer, F. B. Fullmer, E. S. Hurley, Jack Kopke, Carl Nelson, Wm. A. Spooner, J. A. Suffridge, E. H. Vernon and Don Witt. Law and legislative committee, E. S. Hurley, G. A. Silverthorn, Wm. A. Spooner, J. A. Suffridge and Don Witt.

Investigating committee, A. J. Hayes, Irene Keremitsis, Sam McHugh, Otto Muschner and Geo. Thomas. Fraternal delegate, T. J. Roberts.

The newly elected officers and members of committees will be installed and assume their respective stations at the meeting of the council next Monday evening, August 9, 1943.

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Union Labor Post Auxiliary No. 1917, V.F.W. Holds Successful Whist

Union Labor Auxiliary No. 1917, held a very successful whist party at the Veterans' Memorial building at Grand avenue and Harrison streets last Saturday evening, July 31st.

The attendance went well over the hundred mark and everyone enjoyed the whist immensely.

The great success of this party was due largely to the very able manner in which the chairman of the committee, Mrs. Amelia Brown, handled the affair.

Mayme Hagney, publicity chairman of Union Labor Post Auxiliary No. 1917, announces that this organization will give an afternoon whist today, Friday, August 6, 1943, at 1 p. m., in the Veterans' Memorial building, Oakland. Valuable articles will be offered as awards and the public is invited to attend. Amelia Brown will be chairman of this whist also.

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COAST CONFERENCE OF SIGN PAINTERS MEETS

The coast conference of sign, scene and pictorial painters are meeting at Portland, Oregon, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. B. R. Tooke, business representative of the local sign painters is in attendance representing Local Union No. 878.

This conference consists of all sign, scene and pictorial locals in Oregon, Washington and California.

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Women Aid Garbage Collection

Waterloo, Ia., is employing two women as garbage collectors. According to city officials, this seems to be a man's job, but since most women are more interested in cleaning up garbage than are most men, tapping this new source of labor for the job has proven a successful experiment.

REPORT FOOD PRICE VIOLATION

Union men and women and members of their families are requested to report all food price violations. Your wages have been stabilized by presidential order and is being rigidly enforced by the NLRB.

Business representatives of the various unions find that it is almost impossible to secure a sanction of a wage adjustment, still the cost of living and food prices are constantly rising. Only through the cooperation of all the people in this country can the price ceilings of the OPA be enforced. You do not have to sign the complaint unless you wish. Watch the prices you pay, request receipts, and make your complaints to ration boards. Your help is needed.

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Building Trades Council To Install Officers

Alameda County Building and Construction Trades Council will hold installation of officers at the next meeting of the council to be held on Tuesday evening, August 10, 1943.

The committee in charge of arrangements plans on providing light refreshments for the delegates. James H. Quinn, past president of the council, will act as installing officer. J. Earl Cook, international representative of the sheet metal workers' union, has been invited to assist Quinn.

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Labor Temple Women's Auxiliary Apron Whist

The women's auxiliary of the labor temple is sponsoring an apron whist to be held Thursday afternoon, August 12th, in hall No. 2, at the labor temple, 2111 Webster street, Oakland.

The public is invited. Playing will start promptly at 1 p. m. Score cards, 35 cents.

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Beauticians Move Office To Barbers' Headquarters

The new location of the beauticians' union is now at the office of Barbers' Union, Local No. 134, due to consolidation of the membership.

The barbers' union is located at 317 Bank of Commerce building, 16th and San Pablo avenue, Oakland.

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ELECTRICAL WORKERS, No. 360, TO MEET MONDAY, AUGUST 9TH

A. F. Otten, recording secretary of Electrical Workers' Union No. 360, announces a meeting of the membership will be held on Monday, August 9, 1943, in the labor temple, 2111 Webster street, Oakland. The session will start promptly at 8:00 p. m.

The special order of business will be the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing term.

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Financial Help For Cities

Washington cities whose populations have doubled or trebled because of war industries will share in a $1,000,000 appropriation made by the 1943 legislature to help pay for expanded local government services. The "help out" fund will be distributed according to the proportion of each city's increase to the total increase in urban population of the state. Another $1,000,000 was appropriated for distribution in the next two years to all cities alike, to offset in part declining revenues from the gasoline tax and an expected drop in the profits of the state liquor board, says the American municipal association.

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LEASE-LEND AID TOPS BILLION MARK IN JUNE

American assembly lines are now turning out war materials in increasing quantities for our allies. In June lease-lend aid to other nations was valued at $1,030,000,000, passing the billion dollar mark for the first time in any month.

The June total was a big jump over the May figure of $790,000,000 and was nearly double the $548,000,000 total of June, 1942.

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Signs of the Times?

The German occupation forces have "ceased quarrying" for large stone blocks in the southern provinces of Norway, the Stockholm newspaper Aftontidningen said in an article reported to the OWI. The Germans had intended using the stone for victory monuments, the article said.

FDR Pledges To Cut Prices; Labor Calls For Showdown

THE CALL FOR ACTION!

Text of the combined war labor board's statement to President Roosevelt on the stabilization program follows:

"In your message to congress on July 2nd, stating your reasons for disapproving the commodity credit corporation bill, you set forth with convincing emphasis the necessity of reducing the cost of living by rolling back food prices through the use of subsidies. The roll-back of food prices was necessary, you said, to carry out the mandate of congress in the act of October 2, 1942, to stabilize wages and prices 'so far as practicable . . . on the basis of the levels which existed on September 15, 1942.'

"On July 8th congress recessed after acceding to your proposal by leaving no legislative restrictions for the carrying out of the proposed roll-back of food prices.

"On July 15th, Price Administrator Prentiss Brown publicly stated that he had no present plan to subsidize a roll-back of food prices beyond that which you had authorized in May of this year. This limited program falls far short of the objectives so clearly stated in your message of July 2nd, and the greater part of this limited program was already in effect and operating on that date.

"We are unable to find any steps being taken at the present time to carry out your objectives. If your administrators have decided to carry out in full the program which you proposed and which congress permits, it will, of course, be impossible for organized labor to continue in its support of the wage and price stabilization program as now formulated.

"You have stated with dramatic clarity in your veto message to congress the desperate consequences to the American people of failure to hold the line on both prices and wages. We share these expectations. We know that whatever may be the supposed benefits of inflation to those who are seeking to destroy the stabilization program the people of the United States will be the victim.

"If failure to carry out the stabilization of prices in line with wage stabilization brings the consequences which you stated must inevitably follow, organized labor cannot be held to account for that result which it did not seek and which it has exerted all of its efforts to avoid.

"At this hour, only through prompt execution of the roll-back of food prices which you proposed can you restore confidence in the plain people of America that inflation can be and will be defeated. Contrary to the charge of your opponents that only trivial savings will result from the program you propose, these savings according to our calculations can be substantial."

INCENTIVE TO DISLOYALTY

All America rejoiced over the capitulation of Mussolini except Wall street.

The news of the downfall of Italy's dictator "was construed in financial quarters as another broad step toward victory," says an Associated press dispatch, and as a result stocks dropped from $1 to $5 a share.

This is a curious phenomenon.

If good news from the war fronts is bad news for Wall street there can be only one reason — fear of losing fat war profits. Since war industries are working almost entirely for the government, these inflated profits are being made at the expense of the people of the United States. We submit that it is up to congress to remove this incentive to disloyalty from the pockets of the speculators and profiteers.

SAN FRANCISCO LOWEST IN NUMBER OF STRIKES

Contrary to all propaganda that may have been issued, San Francisco has had "no strikes in June and none up to the middle of July." The authority for this statement is no less an organization than the San Francisco employers' council and is contained in their special bulletin of July 16, 1943. The statement said: "San Francisco enjoyed continued labor stability during the first half of 1943. There were only four strikes from January 1st to July 1st, two of them lasting four days and the other two lasting only one day each."

The statement continued: "Provided that the remaining months of the year follow the course set during the first half in the field of San Francisco labor relations, 1943 will record the lowest number of strikes in the city for any one year since 1933. Last year likewise showed a drop to a total of 13 strikes for 1942 from a total of 44 in 1941."

Among the principal reasons cited for this by the employers' council is "the fact that relations between labor and industry here are organized collectively between employer groups and labor groups to a greater extent perhaps than any other comparable community in the United States. The significance of such industry-wide collective bargaining in San Francisco as a factor in the stability of our labor relations is indicated by the report of the secretary of labor for the year 1942.

"The secretary's report shows that more than 75 per cent of all the strikes called in the United States in 1942 were against individual industrial and business establishments. These individual strikes involved 59 per cent of all workers affected by strikes throughout the United States last year. Likewise, the report of the secretary of labor showed that San Francisco was near the bottom in a list of 29 American cities in the number of strikes in 1942 — the 26th — although in population it ranks 12th."

The federation would like to add that this situation will more or less apply to the state of California as compared to other states, and we agree thoroughly with the position taken that organized collective bargaining between employers and unions will stabilize conditions in any industry.

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MINIMUM WAGE ACT VIOLATORS FORCED TO PAY $50,150

In the first 6 months of 1943 the state labor department collected $50,150.31 from 1,593 establishments for 4,684 women and minors who had been paid that much less than the legal minimum rates prescribed in the 6 minimum wage orders that have been promulgated under the state minimum wage law. A total of 2,155 firms paid less than the minimum rate during the 6-month period. Restaurants were the principal violators of this phase of the law, showing 1,220 such violations. Underpayments collected from 764 restaurants amounted to $22,886.91 for 2,187 women and minors.

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SANTA FE RAIL POLICE CHOOSE AFL AFFILIATES

An election held under the direction of the national mediation board to choose a collective bargaining representative involving railway policemen of the Santa Fe railroad resulted in a 99 per cent majority for the national council railway patrolmen's unions, AFL affiliate.

PRESIDENT SAYS NEW PLANS TO REDUCE LIVING COSTS ARE BEING PREPARED

Spurred to action by the demands of organized labor, President Roosevelt announced at a white house press conference that he is preparing for presentation to congress a new program to hold down the cost of living.

The president's announcement came a day after the combined labor war board, made up of AFL and CIO leaders, called upon him for a showdown on the rapidly deteriorating economic stabilization program.

In his talk to the newsmen, the president said he sympathized with the predicament American workers have been placed in by rapidly rising prices for food while their wages have been virtually frozen. He gave no clue to the nature of his new plans to remedy the situation.

Labor leaders were encouraged to believe that the president would institute immediately far-reaching programs for the roll-back of staple food products, the prices of which are now far too high.

They told the president at a white house conference which lasted more than an hour that unless such action were taken labor would have no other alternative but to withdraw its support from the economic stabilization program and seek revision of the WLB's "little steel" formula which now blocks wage increases.

AFL President William Green told reporters after the conference with the president that OPA Administrator Prentiss Brown had failed to keep prices down to the level of September 15, 1942, as required by the price control act. He bluntly warned that unless Brown measured up to his job and carried out the spirit and intent of the law, "we will have to ask for his removal." He added:

"Wages are now practically frozen while prices are soaring Our acceptance of the stabilization program was based upon the assurance that both prices and wages would be stabilized.

"We pointed out to the president that the 'little steel' formula is antiquated. It is rendered useless and oppressive because prices continue to go up while wages stand still. Either prices must be brought down, or the war labor board must revise the formula."

Mr. Green acted as spokesman for a group of AFL and CIO leaders who conferred with the president on the problem and presented to him a statement which is printed herewith.

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NAB Code Does Not Bar Labor Unions From Air

The radio committee of the council on freedom from censorship accepted the assurance of the NAB code compliance committee that there is nothing in the trade association's code which discourages local stations from selling time on the air to labor unions.

According to the conferees' agreement, individual stations remain the final judges of what constitutes controversial and non-controversial matter, although unions per se are not to be deemed controversial. The meeting has been prompted on the CFFC's part by the fear that an amendment to the NAB's code, which was passed by the NAB convention in Chicago May 5th, might be interpreted by some broadcasters as a bar to selling time to labor unions. The amendment dealt with membership solicitation.

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NORTH DAKOTA FARMERS ASK ARMY AID IN HARVEST

Farm leaders, called for a conference by Governor John Moses, of Bismarck, North Dakota, are pressing for the immediate release of soldiers to aid the state in the harvest of the great wheat crop now nearing maturity. The conference was advised that special need of labor must be certified to the war department before troops would be authorized. Gathering of data was begun at once.

Governor Moses said Undersecretary of War Patterson had advised that the army "can and will" send troops to North Dakota on proper certification by the department of agriculture and manpower commission.

Facing severe shortage of manpower and equipment, North Dakota is asking for 30,000 troops.

Steam Fitters To Hold Special Meeting Thursday

According to L. H. French, secretary of Steam Fitters' Union, Local No. 342, a special meeting of Steam Fitters' Local No. 342, will be held on August 12, 1943, at 8:00 p. m., at the labor temple, 2111 Webster street, Oakland.

A matter concerning the California State Association of Journeymen Plumbers and Steam Fitters will be considered.

There will be an assessment of $2.00 for non-attendance of this meeting. Valid written excuses for not attending will be considered by the executive board if received before September 11, 1943.

PRODUCTION WORKERS CHANGE MEETING PLACE TO COOKS' HALL

The Production Workers' Local Lodge 1566, I. A. of M., has moved its meeting hall from the labor temple to the cooks' union building at 1608 Webster street, Oakland.

Norm Fowler, recording secretary of Local 1566, stated that this move was made necessary because of the greatly increased membership of the lodge and the need of better facilities which are afforded in the new meeting hall. He also pointed out that the meeting nights of the second and fourth Thursdays will still prevail at the new meeting place and stressed the importance of all members to attend these meetings.

The meeting of Thursday, August, 12, 1943, will be the first for the production workers' local at the new address.

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MAINTENANCE OF WAY WORKERS AUTHORIZE WITHDRAWING OF NO-STRIKE PLEDGE

Elmer E. Milliman, president of the brotherhood of maintenance of way employes, was authorized by the union's triennial convention at Buffalo, N. Y., to withdraw its no-strike pledge to President Roosevelt any time he sees fit.

The convention also empowered President Milliman to order "whatever further action" necessary to enforce demands for a wage increase.

Several months ago the union demanded an increase of 20 cents an hour. An 8-cent-an-hour award from a special railway labor panel was recently denied by Fred M. Vinson, director of economic stabilization.

The convention re-elected President Milliman and Secretary-Treasurer A. Shoemake for three-year terms.

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W. L. B. Approves Wage Increases For Campbell Soup Workers

The war labor board granted wage increases ranging from 2 to 4 cents an hour to employes of the Campbell Soup Co. plant at Camden, N. J.

About 5,100 workers employed at the peak of the packing and canning season will be affected by the new rates, which are designed to correct intra-plant inequalities.

The new rates range from a hiring rate for women of 55½ cents per hour to 87½ cents per hour for overseers. The old scale was 51½ to 83½ cents per hour.

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Company Ordered To Pay Bonus

The regional labor board has ordered the 1900 corporation of St. Joseph, Mich., to pay its 100 employes a Christmas bonus for 1942, on the ground that the bonus which it began paying in 1935 had become a part of the corporation's wage structure.

The board stipulated that the bonus would have to be paid even if the company operated at a loss.

"The panel hearing this dispute," said Edwin E. Whitte, board chairman, "concluded that the failure to pay a bonus in 1942 was a reduction in the compensation of the employes which required approval of the war labor board."

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Demand the union label, shop card and button.

Food Clerks To Install Officers Tuesday Evening

Oakland Auditorium Theatre Chosen For This Important Annual Meeting

Retail Food Clerks' Union, Local No. 870, will meet on Wednesday, August 11th, in the Oakland Auditorium theatre at 8 p. m.

The important business of the evening will be the installation of officers elected to serve the union for the term. James H. Quinn, member of the state board of equalization, and well-known in labor circles will act as the installing officer, and will install the following:

President, Harris C. Wilkin; first vice president, Otto Henningsen; second vice president, A. Jack Clark; secretary-treasurer and first business representative, James A. Suffridge; recording secretary, Donna Korb; guardian, Vincent J. Calin; guide, Ethel Lewis; trustees, Harry Smith, Sam Sunseri and A. Jack Clark.

Second business representative, Charles A. Omstead; third business representative, Vincent J. Calin; fourth business representative, Homer Capps, and executive board at large, Thelma Bresnahan, Charles Jones, Ethel Lewis, Harry Smith, Sam Sunseri and James Young.

According to James H. Suffridge, secretary, a request has been made that members should attend this meeting. This will enable them to become acquainted with those that will guide the union during these war times.

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FAREWELL PARTY GIVEN FOR EILEEN COLLINS

Miss Eileen Collins was pleasantly surprised by a group of the labor temple girls at a dinner party held last Friday evening in her honor at Slapsy Maxies' in San Francisco.

Eileen was presented with a beautiful corsage and a U. S. war bond as a remembrance from the business representatives and the girls of the labor temple.

Eileen has been secretary of the Sheet Metal Workers, Local No. 216, for the past four years, and is leaving to accept employment in other fields. Her host of friends wish her the best of success in her new undertaking.

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7-Day Week Inefficient, Professor Thinks

Prof. George P. Hedley of Mills college, who worked in a shipyard part-time for 10 months, told the commonwealth club in San Francisco that he thought the 7-day week inefficient.

"The staggered absences of key men mean that on each day of the week some important information is not available, some important decision cannot be made," he said.

"I am disposed to think that a change to a uniform Sunday off throughout the yard and the industry would simplify and speed total production."

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STANDARD REFERENCE WORK

Every home needs a good dictionary and the Brown and Williamson Tobacco corporation premium department is prepared to fill the need with a de luxe two-volume Funk & Wagnall dictionary edited by Dr. F. H. Vizetelly. It is the standard reference book for all libraries, with 1,300 pages of authoritative pronunciations, definitions, etc. It is plentifully illustrated. The dictionary is offered for coupons packed with Raleigh union label cigarettes.

Labor Temple Association Meets In Yearly Session

Labor Temple Association of Alameda County, Inc., held the annual meeting of the association on August 3, 1943, at 7:00 p. m., in the labor temple, 2111 Webster street, Oakland, California.

The officers selected for the association are composed of: President, J. S. Miller; vice president, A. King; secretary-treasurer, C. D. Gibbon; manager, A. Fowler.

The incorporated association is composed of and represented by directors as follows: Auto and ship painters, A. King; bricklayers, H. Boyter; bakery wagon drivers, P. Fuhrer; cement finishers, O. Tout; carpet and linoleum layers, G. McIntire; glaziers, B. Durdle; gas appliance and stove fitters, R. Hipkins; hod carriers, H. Johnson; laborers, R. Brown; lathers, J. Reynolds; plasterers, M. O'Malley; roofers, J. Barton; steam fitters, L. French; sign painters, B. Tooke; clerks and lumber handlers, W. W. Paterson, and painters, J. S. Miller.

The building committee is composed of directors: O. Tout, J. Reynolds, G. McIntire and M. O'Malley. This committee has charge of policies of the association in between the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors.

President J. S. Miller has been the presiding officer of the association for the past five years and many worthy objectives have been accomplished.

C. D. Gibbon has acted as secretary-treasurer since the foundation of the association and has proven his qualifications over these many years.

A. Fowler has managed the building since the beginning and has been very efficient and has a host of friends in the labor movement.

A. King has been a very splendid vice president, always ready to do his share.

The board of directors are always looking forward and give deep thought to the interest of their organizations and the Labor Temple Association, Inc.

The labor temple association has always in mind to give better and more efficient services to the labor movement and are always ready to assist all organizations.

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Social Security Act Should Be Explained To New Members of Unions

Due to the extremely rapid growth of membership in numerous trade unions, it is quite possible that many of the new members are not acquainted with their rights and duties under the social security act. For this reason the social security board is eager to send its representatives to any union seeking additional clarification of the act.

There is a social security board in practically every community and it should be contacted for any information regarding the act. Such matters as old-age and survivors' insurance claims, unemployment benefits, qualifications for the same as well as the payments to be made, and why it is important to keep only one social security card indicate the scope of the knowledge every worker should have on this subject.

A very attractive booklet has recently been issued by the social security board answering all of these and other questions. The federation urges all of its unions to ask for copies of this leaflet for distribution to those of its members in need of the information.

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TO HEAR FOOD POLICY PROTESTS

Twenty-five midwest members of congress will meet in Minneapolis August 16th to hear complaints of farmers and business men against "federal policies threatening to liquidate individuals and concerns engaged in food production and distribution of civilian supplies." Representative August H. Andresen, of Minnesota announced at Red Wing.

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AFL MINERS' PACT APPROVED

The Progressive Mine Workers of America, AFL, have received approval from the national war labor board for a wage agreement which they reached with the Coal Producers' association of Illinois. Approximately 12,000 miners are involved.

The agreement includes provisions for $50 vacation pay, the furnishing of necessary tools by the operators without charge, and payment by the operators for safety equipment and blacksmithing.

J. H. QUINN, MEMBER OF STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, MAKES REPORT

James H. Quinn, past president of the Alameda County Building and Construction Trades Council who was recently elected second district member of the state board of equalization, revealed that almost a billion dollars has been paid into the state treasury from the state sales tax since it became a law ten years ago this month.

The sales tax, passed at a time when the state faced bankruptcy, was designed to yield $40,000,000 annually to meet school costs and to relieve the local property taxpayer. In the fiscal year just closed, stimulated by federal spending, defense payrolls and rising prices, sales tax collections reached $135,970,672. More than any other factor, these collections are responsible for the surplus of $62,830,000 which now replaces the 1941 deficit of $66,000,000 in the state treasury.

The board, according to Quinn, faced a most difficult problem following the outbreak of the war — whether sales of materials to government contractors were taxable. The question was finally settled by a U. S. supreme court decision which authorized the collection of sales tax on materials for the construction of war plants and army camps, but exempted materials for the manufacture of airplanes, ships and other vital war material.

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QUAKER URGES FOOD FOR STARVING PEOPLE OF OCCUPIED LANDS

The United States is permitting freedom-loving people of the nazi-occupied lands to starve while the Germans are relatively well fed, Howard E. Kershner of the American friends service committee, the Quaker relief agency, charged.

Kershner, who had charge of relief activities for the Quakers in Europe from 1939 to 1942, urged immediate British and American approval of plans for "limited relief" for 10,000,000 of the most needy children, nursing and expectant mothers of Norway, Holland, Belgium and France.

Writing in the current issue of Collier's magazine, Kershner said that no matter what the peace terms, a well fed Germany would have a post-war advantage over the tubercular, starvation-reduced victims in the occupied countries.

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How the Women Are Helping Through Their Organizations

LABOR TEMPLE AUXILIARY

If this week's column isn't what it's supposed to be, blame it on my vacation of last week as I am not back to normal as yet.

MEETING AND SOCIAL

Last Tuesday evening was our meeting and social for this month. We were very happy to see some of the old faces again. This month's meeting was the largest in attendance since the month of April.

After the business meeting we all enjoyed playing dutch whist. Rosemary Padfield and Tillie Bartmess tied for first award. Consolation award went to Edna Paterson. Many nice awards were given and doughnuts and coffee served. Many thanks to the social committee for a very successful evening.

Last Tuesday night was very lucky for Esther Davis, as her name was drawn as the winner of the dozen glasses of marmalade given away at that time and Esther also received a dutch whist award. Nice going, Esther.

COMMITTEES

Thursday, August 12th, is the apron whist planned for us by the ways and means committee. The whist will begin at 1:00 p. m. sharp instead of 12:30 p. m. as I had previously announced. Admission will be 35c per person. Many beautiful aprons will be given as awards, so please come down and spend an enjoyable afternoon with the members and friends of the auxiliary.

The social committee for September 7th is as follows: Estelle Kerins, chairman; Ida Nelson, Tillie Bartmess and Esther McCormick.

SICK AND CONVALESCENTS

Past President Tessie O'Leary is in the Stanford University hospital, Clay and Webster streets, San Francisco. Tessie will be there a week or so more, so don't forget to send her cards to help make those long hours in bed as cheerful and seemingly short as possible. We missed you Tuesday night and also at red cross, Tessie, and wish you a speedy recovery so that you may be with us again in the very near future.

Anne Jones is also under the weather and is suffering from pleurisy, believed to have been caused by horseback riding while on her vacation. Here's hoping that you will be back to normal and feeling like yourself in a day or two, Anne.

Pearl Hulbert attended the last meeting with her ribs all taped up. I was not able to get the particulars but if all our member attended their meetings as Pearl did, knowing that she must have been uncomfortable and in some pain, we would really have a wonderful auxiliary. Much credit goes to you, Pearl.

NOTES

Elsie Nottestad will celebrate her birthday August 13th. Congratulations and best wishes, Elsie.

Ruby Hilburn's son, Joe, was home on a visit for the first time in two years. Joe is sound man on a destroyer and has seen lots of action, having made 28 trips to Guadalcanal. Best of luck to you, Joe. We all know how proud Ruby must feel. Ruby has just moved into a beautiful home in Richmond.

Louise Durrer spent last week in Sacramento with her daughter, but returned in time to attend the meeting Tuesday.

Esther Emery's daughter, Wilma, plans on being initiated at our next meeting. It will be Esther's first initiation since taking office as chaplain. Let's get going on our membership drive and try to have a large group initiated next month.

The McIntyres and Wagers were again dinner-dancing at Dominic's last Saturday night.

Don't forget the apron whist next Thursday afternoon and be on time.

DOROTHY THRALL,
Recording Secretary.

MACHINISTS' AUXILIARY, No. 97

Greetings to all, good health, and happy week end is wished to each sister, her family and friends.

The meeting was called to order by President Virginia Nicholas. Officers absent, Past President Evelyne Gerholdt, Marshal Emma Cooksey, finance committee, Tessie O'Leary. Acting, Ora Granter, Katie Phillips and Anastasia Reed.

The minutes of last meeting were read and accepted as read.

The letter of thanks from Mrs. Maude Brooks of the A.W.V.S. canteen was read. She thanked No. 97 for the gift of money given her and how much it meant to the workers and shore patrol boys for their sandwiches and coffee each night while they are on duty along the coast, etc.

The resignation of Secretary Sister Mull was read and acted upon. She is leaving August 11th to be with her husband in Aberdeen, Md. We regret your going, Lois, and will miss you a lot but realize we would do likewise if our husband was there, but don't forget No. 97 and let us hear from you once in a while.

COMMITTEES

Sister Anastasia Reed, social chairman, gave her report, stating what a grand time they had at Sister Anna Hoover's home. All members were present.

While eating our lunch of snails and coffee, and after Sister Ethel Christian receiving the mystery box, we had a real old fashioned auction sale. Sister Rose Rogers had the floor and she really made you put the do-re-me on the line. It was good sport and a tidy sum was collected.

Sister Anna Hoover reported the past presidents are to meet at Sister Fannie Copp's, Wednesday evening, August 11th.

Mystery sisters thanked their mystery sisters.

The officers met at the home of Sisters Eva Hare and Lois Mull Friday evening, July 30th. Those absent were Evelyne Gerholdt, Anna Hoover, Olive and Gladys Harvey and Tessie O'Leary. Our next meeting will be in September or October at the home of Olive Harvey. Those assisting Sister Hare and Mull were Rose Rogers and W. E. Binger.

ILL

Sister Rose Rogers called on Sister Amy Wright a couple of weeks ago and while she found her in the kitchen preparing dinner, she is anything but well. However, she wishes to be remembered to all.

Sister Agnes Hines has been quite ill, but a bit better now. As you all know, she is a shut-in. Her address, 2340 Webster street, Oakland.

Sister Della Eck informed President Virginia Nicholas she has had pneumonia. She is up and out, but far from being normal. Her address is 19943 Redwood road, Hayward.

Sister Tessie O'Leary entered Stanford Lane hospital on Wednesday, July 28th, for a check-up. We hope you have a favorable report and will be back home soon. 640 60th street, Oakland.

Sister Beatrice Bengson has been quite ill again, but up now.

WAYS AND MEANS

Have you gotten your donation for the folding clothes basket. If not, try to get it to one of the committee or bring it to lodge. Any household linens are wanted, to be awarded on social night in October.

Hope a good turn-out was at the whist party this past Thursday afternoon.

NEW BUSINESS

After accepting Sister Lois Mull's resignation, President Virginia Nicholas appointed Sister Anastasia Reed to the chair for the remainder of the year, she being duly installed to take over the August 10th meeting. Good luck, Ann.

Sister Mull was complimented very highly on her splendid reports since the first of the year, and especially on the report of July 13th.

VACATIONS

The Ghidossi family are still out of town.

The Dick Girard family plan to leave this Thursday or week end, visiting at Eureka, California.

Back to those ill: Sister Evelyn Putraye has been very ill with a bad throat. Her mother, Lois Girard, was caring for her. 320 Ramona street, El Cerrito, California.

WAR NEWS

How about crocheting a pair of slippers or baby jacket, or perhaps making and filling a ditty bag, or making a scrap-book.

Florence Shaffer gave her report on the service men's center, stating eight ladies were present. They served 91 breakfasts and made 91 beds.

President Nicholas said that her nephew, stationed at Farragut, Ida., just couldn't understand how such things could be possible, for there in Idaho when they go to town there is just nothing provided for them, nor any place to go.

Dorothy Dixon, Marie Dixon's daughter, gave her pint of blood last week.

For those giving blood, members or friends please give No. 97 credit for it. For those that already have and gave no one credit, ask them to give it to your lodge 97. Thank you.

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WILMA E. BINGER,
Press Correspondent.

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PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS' NOTES

BY S. J. DONOHUE: At this writing there are some things that I would like to enlighten the members on but due to the circumstances, it is well that I might postpone them for now. I might ask the members when reading the Journal to be sure and pay attention to the information that I have every reason to believe will be in the next issue.

While the following might seem drab, nevertheless it is of great importance. The problem of keeping our training classrooms open is of grave concern. In order to maintain the classes that much time and effort was put into to bring it about, which I might say without fear of successful contradiction, they are second to none in the state. Notwithstanding the fact that all the encouragement possible for human beings to advance fails to impress indelibly on the minds of the apprentices, that once these schools close, they will be lost to us. To maintain these schools under the present set-up, the instructor, Harry L. Williams, must have 12 in attendance on Monday and Thursday evenings. Due to the interest of journeymen members, the classes are still open. This might appeal to some of the other members of our local union who could put in their time to good advantage by attending the schools where they could obtain training and information that would make them available for positions as foremen, and for those who are interested in making themselves more efficient in the use of lead, they could take up lead burning as well as lead wiping.

Any member interested can apply to Harry L. Williams at classroom C-14 - 238 east 11th street, on the nights mentioned.

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Boeing Aircraft Workers Reject 10-Hour Shifts

Workers at the Boeing Aircraft Co. plant have rejected "almost unanimously" a proposal for two 10-hour shifts, Harold J. Gibson, president of the local aeronautical mechanics' union (AFL), announced. The change from 3 shifts daily was recommended by the company, the war production board and the union's district council. Company officials contended it would increase production because total skilled personnel would put in 20 per cent more man-hours.

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AND YOU GET A REFUND, TOO

A thorough cellar-to-attic search for all empty beverage bottles is recommended by the war production board's conservation division. Return to circulation of the millions of "empties" now stored in American homes will relieve the existing shortage of glass beverage containers.

NLRB To Throw Out Kaiser Case

The national labor relations board acted to remove from its docket a charge of unfair labor practices against the Kaiser Co., shipbuilders, by setting a hearing August 21st for the parties to show cause why the proceedings should not be dismissed.

The American Federation of Labor succeeded in having adopted as an amendment to the appropriations act covering the use of funds by the national labor relations board a prohibition stating that "no part of the funds appropriated . . . shall be used in any way in connection with a complaint arising over an agreement between management and labor which has been in existence for three months or longer without complaint being filed."

Since the Kaiser contract with the AFL is several years old, the NLRB, in accordance with the rider, will be compelled to abandon its case.

While all contracts between employes' organizations and employers will be valid if they have been in existence three months and no charges may be made against employers after that period, it was made clear by the NLRB that the prohibition in the law does not apply to company - dominated unions.

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CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE URGES LAW TO CURB WORK BY MOTHERS

Enactment of laws to prohibit employment of mothers unless they could prove proper steps for the care of minor children had been taken were urged in Los Angeles by the state assembly interim committee on juvenile delinquency.

At the same time the committee adopted a resolution asking Governor Warren to call a special session of the legislature for the enactment of this and other measures which the committee might later recommend.

The committee's views were made known at a hearing where more than a dozen representatives of public and private agencies dealing with juvenile delinquency were unanimous in the opinion that "deterioration" of home life is the chief cause of juvenile crime.

The most outspoken witness was Harold A. Slane, member of the California youth authority. He reported that more than 80 per cent of the juveniles whose cases have come to his agency are victims of broken homes—broken by divorce, by an attempt of both parents to work outside, or by sheer parental neglect.

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WISDOM

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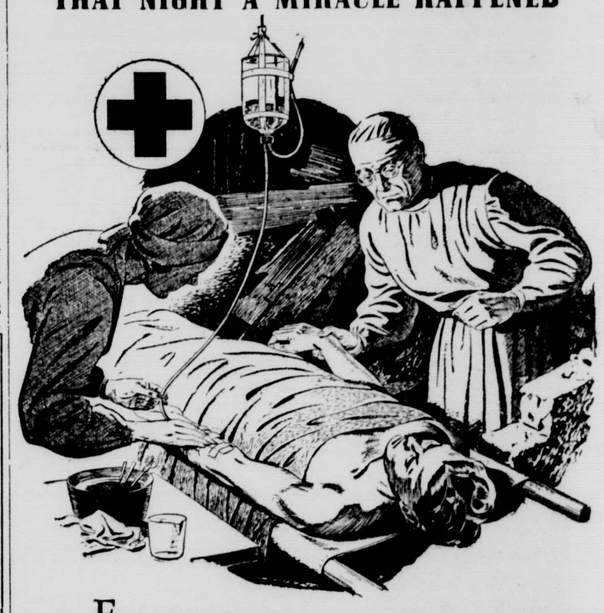
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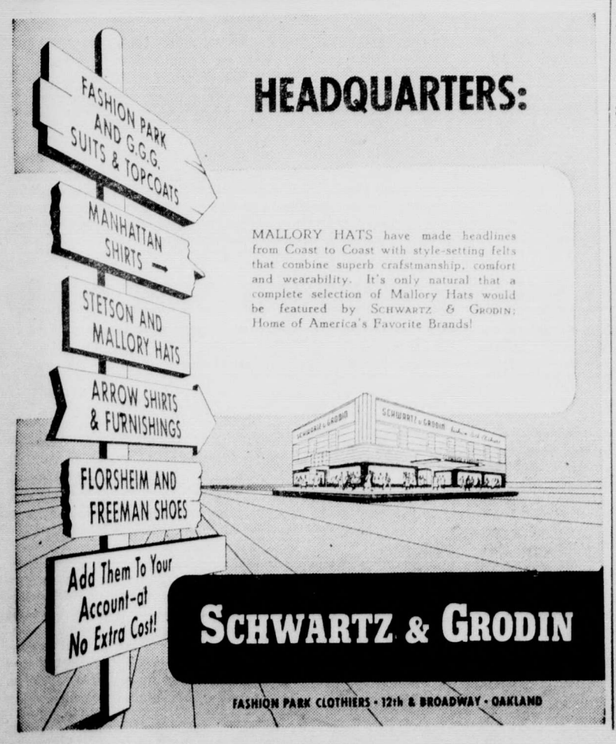
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Florida Fishermen Join AFL Union

The Gulf Coast Fishermen's union, composed of more than 450 commercial fishermen from Sarasota to Tarpon Springs on the Florida west coast has affiliated with the international seafarers' union, American federation of Labor affiliate.

Paul Crosser, president of the union, said that the chief purpose is to stabilize the price of grouper. The union is demanding 8 cents a pound for the fish and has refused to sell to wholesalers paying less than that.

Organization of the union followed a recent tieup of commercial boats in protest against dropping of the wholesale price from 8 cents to 6 cents a pound.

The wholesalers claimed that because of the cost of shipping and their slim margin of profit it was impossible for them to pay more than 6 cents a pound.

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Congressman Says War Chiefs Ape Nazis In Censorship

Representative Emanuel Celler of New York declared that he had been informed that the army, navy and other government departments are "forcing a nazi censorship over nazi prisoners of war" held in this country, through the selection of books they are permitted to read.

In a letter to Acting Secretary of War Patterson, he asked how "we can justify our aping nazis and setting up Nuremburg laws of our own by prescribing books by anti-nazis like H. G. Wells, George Bernard Shaw, Upton Sinclair and Louis Bromfield."

A spokesman for the office of censorship replied that national security and the maintenance of camp discipline are the only guides which that office uses in censoring books and newspapers given to prisoners.

"They are not allowed to receive any reading material that would aid them in an escape," he explained, "nor are they permitted any books whose text is derogatory to our government or our allies."

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Hot Stuff From Roofers, No. 81

BY ART SAGALA: On Saturday, July 31st, a meeting was held in the office of the wage adjustment board with the representatives of the associated roofing contractors of the east bay area and representing the roofing craft was our business agent, V. J. Barton. After a long and arduous session which lasted well into late afternoon an understanding was reached which we think will be of benefit to both employer and employe. Some minor adjustments remain to be ironed out which, from all indications, will be completed this week. We hope such will be the case and we trust this matter will at least be settled once and for all.

We have been listening in of late and we have heard a few finding fault with their conditions and moaning that they do not get an even break. Brothers, we have been on the firing line for quite some time, to be exact, since 1912, and in all that time we have never seen anyone get a break without having to put forth a certain amount of effort. If we are going to drift along with the stream and depend on the efforts of the other fellow to get it for us, just so long will those same moans be heard. Things just don't happen that way. It has been a battle from the beginning and will continue to be a battle. We remember reading somewhere that someone once said "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," so therefore, we take it that the price of good conditions which we are now enjoying means eternal vigilance on the part of all in organized labor.

The eternal question is, "how can I better my conditions?" We have heard that cry across the ages and long ago decided that one good way was to unite and put everything we had in the fight. As a result, we are far better off today than we were a few years ago, but rest assured those fine conditions would never have been attained had we all sat idly by and continued to moan and find fault. So we say get in the game with a whole heart and rest assured that as you give so shall you receive.

This being the month of August, to us it is an anniversary, as it was in August, 1916, that we first came in contact with that old war horse of organized labor. We have seen him in many battles and he has ever been in the van of the movement in the interest of the common man. We have followed him closely over the years and as a result have learned much that was of value to the labor movement. We can assure those brothers who are given to finding fault with things in general that it would not be amiss to contact this true blue unionist and get an earful of the real low-down on what it takes. We refer to our lifelong friend and comrade-in-arms, Brother Bill (Whitey) Dalton of the iron workers. We wish you the best of everything, Bill, and we are thankful for the rare privilege of having our name on your roster, so we say in passing another milestone, "may the hinges of friendship never grow rusty."

At our last regular meeting, Local 81 voted our business representative, Brother V. J. Barton, a 15-day vacation. We trust that that very worthy gentleman will soon have finished with all special meetings and conferences at which his presence is necessary so that he can take off for parts unknown and really enjoy the first real vacation he has ever had during his seven years in that office. We hope that peace and happiness will be his lot while away on a much needed rest.

Thought For a Week:

He who considers himself first, may find others considering him last. (Anon.)

Be sure to subscribe to your share in liberty and the American way of life. Buy bonds and stamps.

Be seein' you.

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Thirty Coal Miners Are Indicted In Pittsburgh

Thirty participants in the recent strike by insurgent coal miners in southwestern Pennsylvania were named in indictments returned by a federal grand jury at Pittsburgh, the first to be handed down on charges of violating the new Smith-Connally war labor disputes law. Under the law the maximum penalty is a fine of $5,000 or imprisonment for one year, or both, on each count.

The defendants are charged with having directed strikes interrupting the operations of 24 coal mines which were in the possession of the government.

The indictments, which were disclosed by Attorney General Biddle, charge violations of the law beginning June 26th and continuing up to the present time. All the defendants are officers or members of local unions of the united mine workers of America.

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Unemployment Benefits Decrease In New York

Unemployment insurance benefits of $1,086,599 were paid to more than 18,000 men and women in New York state during June, the first month of the current benefit year, it was announced by Milton O. Loysen, executive director of the division of placement and unemployment insurance. This represents a decrease of 23.8 per cent from May and is the lowest monthly expenditure since the beginning of unemployment insurance in the state.

Increased employment in virtually all sections of the state accounted largely for the decreased payments, Mr. Loysen reported.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS COVER 85 PER CENT OF WAR WORKERS

About 85 per cent of American war workers are in plants covered by collective bargaining agreements, Joseph D. Keenan, WPB vice chairman for labor production revealed.

The newly appointed vice chairman declared that "managers and workers and government share the responsibility for getting rid of any kinks in our production line," and asked that labor-management cooperation be made "a tremendous powerhouse for increased production."

Keenan said that equipment which workers produced in recent months is being used up right now in the invasion of Sicily. "If you had not been at your posts doing your jobs with skill and speed our fighting men might now be on the receiving end instead of on the attacking side," Keenan asserted.

"Every extra gun or plane or ship we produce from the bottom of the barrel of human energy means life to some of our fighting men and destruction to axis enemies.

"I direct this appeal especially to American trades unions from whose ranks I came. AFL unions deserve high praise for their adherence to the no-strike pledge and equally for their initiative in finding ways to speed the war effort. I ask them for extra help now to overcome the lag which occurred through no fault of theirs in May and June.

"I know how unavoidable that lag seemed to be but from this point on we must overcome any obstacle, make our equipment better and better and at the same time boost production up and up.

"Organized labor deserves credit for effective leadership in helping to boost war production to its present high level. At the same time it shoulders major responsibility for getting still better results in the months to come.

"I say this because a survey by the WPB labor production offices indicates that about 85 per cent of American war workers are in plants where collective bargaining agreements exist between unions and management.

"Despite sharp disagreements which have existed at times in some places, collective bargaining machinery in war plants already has formed the basis for joint action between labor and management to boost output, conserve manpower from accidents and illness, save materials and increase salvage.

"I ask labor organizations to extend and improve the pattern of labor management cooperation to accomplish these necessary goals."

AFL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETS

Faced with the consideration of many important war-time labor problems, the executive council of the American Federation of Labor will open its regular mid-summer meeting in Chicago August 9th.

The council is expected to give its first attention to the failure of government agencies to hold the line against inflated living costs while wages remain fixed.

Political questions, especially the anti-labor action of congress in adopting the Smith-Connally bill over President Roosevelt's veto, will occupy a prominent place on the agenda.

President Green plans to submit to the council a report on the progress of war production and will urge even more extensive measures by labor to help win the war.

A special committee, headed by Vice President Daniel J. Tobin, is expected to report to the council on the result of its conference with John L. Lewis on the application of the united mine workers' union for re-affiliation with the AFL.

The most arduous task before the council is the preparation of its annual report to the convention of the American Federation of Labor scheduled to be held in Boston next October.

Victory Gardeners To Get Important Information on Winter Harvest Crops

Many union members who planted spring victory gardens may now get information on the fall planting for winter harvest.

Victory garden classes will be conducted under the direction of John Aitken, agricultural authority in six Oakland schools. These courses, open to the public, will be concentrated into four lecture periods, from 8 to 9:30 p. m., according to plan. Schedule of classes is as follows:

Chabot school, Chabot road and Patton street, August 16th, 30th, September 13th; Lakeview school, Grand avenue and Perry street, August 31st, September 14th, October 5th; Glenview school, Hampel street and La Cresta avenue, August 19th, September 2nd and 16th; Laurel school, Kansas street and Brown avenue, August 9th, 23rd, September 27th, October 11th; Parker school, 78th and Ney avenues, August 10th, 24th, September 28th, October 12th; Montclair school, Thornhill road and Mountain boulevard, August 12th, 26th, September 23rd and October 7th.

Part of the victory garden advisory plan is to enlist the aid of many good "green thumbers" to give counsel on garden problems in their immediate vicinity.

The second major planting of victory gardens in Oakland this year will be stimulated through various channels of information, according to plans now being completed by the victory garden committee of the Oakland defense council.

"Oakland residents are fortunate in being able, by reason of temperate climatic conditions, to put in crops now for winter harvest," says R. C. Bitterman, victory garden committee chairman. "Oaklanders surpassed our greatest expectations in the planting and harvesting of their spring plantings, and if they will follow through with this fall planting in the same spirit, their reward will be of still more value to them when winter food shortages make themselves felt.

"We are preparing to give the community full and detailed information on what vegetables are suited for this season's planting and on their care by means of schools, press and radio.

"Garden experts are being enlisted to aid in the program and to provide authoritative advice and counsel on selection, procedure and problems peculiar to the fall gardening season. Thus, the amateur gardeners may count on fall and satisfactory harvests to supplement limited food supplies later on," Bitterman stated.

MUSICIANS' UNION TO FINANCE FREE SYMPHONIC CONCERTS FOR SMALLER CITIES

Leading symphony orchestras will give free concerts in the smaller American cities, to be financed by the American Federation of Musicians, James C. Petrillo, the federation's president, announced.

Orchestras to be heard under the union plan include the New York philharmonic, the Boston symphony and the Philadelphia orchestra.

President Petrillo said that all expenses of the concerts would be paid by the American Federation of Musicians and that it had already authorized the expenditure of $500,000. He estimated that a total of 570 free concerts would be provided.

Petrillo said the plan had the approval of President Roosevelt, who suggested it last December. This was confirmed by Stephen T. Early, white house secretary.

The concerts will enable many persons to see and hear the major orchestras for the first time, Petrillo said, and in addition will do "a great deal for home morale during these distressed times."

STEAM FITTERS' NOTES

BY FRENCH: At the July 27th meeting of the building trades council, a lieutenant of the marine corps "a doctor" made an appeal for more blood donations. His story of the need for blood plasma was very heart rending, inasmuch as he was talking about boys who are the sons and brothers of some of our members. Local Union No. 342 now has ninety members in the service, the cream of our membership. This local has been very good on blood donations. On one blood donation committee, of which I was chairman, the response was fine. All it takes is one man to act as the one to make appointments for the members of Local Union No. 342 and to get the donors together by group appointment. I suggest that some one individual take on this responsibility. The office will be only too glad to act as the communicating agency for this very important job. If any one of the members of our armed forces were to put out his hand to any one of our members and say, "A pint of your blood is the only thing that will keep me alive," there is no one who would refuse that could give the pint without injury to himself. That is just what this appeal amounts to—the availability of blood plasma means life or death many, many times.

U. A. bond drive. Every member of Local Union No. 342 will receive a card with a return pledge attached, asking him to support the "United Association Equip a Division Bond Drive." Your bond committee met and decided that this was the best way to put this bond drive before the members of Local No. 342. Many of you who are buying bonds regularly will just need to report such purchases on the return card. Many who buy bonds intermittantly can now have those bonds go to the credit of their own local union and can extend themselves to do such buying now.

Word has been received of the death of John S. Roe who passed away on Monday. He was a member of No. 342.

Don't forget—the next regular meeting on August 12th, will be a special $2.00 meeting. I have been asked by many of our members if retaining our membership in the California state association will not mean a raise in dues. This is an erroneous opinion and will be explained further by the finance committee.

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IT'S UP TO US!

Certain tendencies have begun to make themselves felt which have already caused people to ask: "Will there be reaction after the war? Will we revert to past petty politics and secret alliances? Will democracy, once it has borne the brunt of the fight, be hampered and hamstrung at every turn?" This is the cry of the isolationists, who are even now in the midst of war, trying to return us to the egg from which we came.

Democracy will lose out, they say. Will it? It may—unless we sell democracy to the peoples of the world. Our boys are selling our American way wherever our fighting units penetrate. But whether we continue their work after the war will depend on how well we dramatize democracy.

No matter how good a case we have, we can't put it across just by thinking of it. Labor has had this lesson driven home recently. The handwriting was on the wall, plain for anyone to read—but labor did not do a selling job and it will pay for its negligence for a long time to come.

It was a bad defeat—but the defeat of democratic principles would be an even greater one for the entire labor movement, because labor depends upon democracy for its existence. Contrariwise, labor unions, run according to strict democratic principles where the true will of the majority prevails, are one of the best safeguards of democracy.

We must learn to dramatize democracy in order to sell it—to prove that it works in every aspect of our lives. We must prove that freedom of speech and expression, freedom of religion, freedom of enterprise are the basis of the best possible system under which man can live and grow. We must prove that we can disagree amicably, that we are good losers, and that when the majority decides, the minority will abide by the decision—until another election.

We must get out and work for the things in which we believe, not sit still and fight about them. We must use the power of the ballot box wisely and unselfishly—but we must use it, not allow it to rust.

We must make a creed of democracy to be followed as closely as those who wear the uniform of the foreign tyrants follow their particular fetish or ideology. We must make of democracy a glorious crusade in which the whole world will want to join. But we cannot do this by sitting still and talking about it. We have to act—and we have to begin by the practical application by democratic principles in our own group, our shop, our factory, our labor unions, our community; then in our state, our nation—and last, in our world.—Ruth Taylor.

Buying Bonds Will Defeat Enemy

STARS IN SERVICE



Right and Wrong Ways Pictured—

LABOR DEPARTMENT ISSUES 2 POSTERS SHOWING HOW TO LIFT CORRECTLY

As a part of its campaign to cut down job injuries, the division of labor standards, U. S. department of labor, has just isued two posters illustrating the correct way to lift. They serve to highlight the division's special bulletin No. 11, "A guide to the prevention of weight-lifting injuries."

"Learning to lift correctly!" presents a large photograph of a man demonstrating the proper method to be used in lifting a heavy object from the floor. Below the photograph are three small figures illustrating the wrong methods of lifting and carrying commonly used by inexperienced and untrained workers, with a brief explanation of how strains, sprains, and hernias result. This poster measures 16x21½ inches and was planned for bulletin board or wall display in war production plants where workers are required to do manual lifting of any nature. It was taken from a page in The Marin-er, published by the Marinship Co., Sausalito, Calif.

"Right and Wrong Ways to Lift" tells its story in two simple drawings which can be understood at a glance. This poster is reproduced in three colors, measures 10x30 inches, and was reprinted by permission of the British ministry of labour and national service. It was designed for wall display wherever manual lifting is done.

Copies of these posters may be secured from the division of labor standards, U. S. department of labor, Washington, D. C., as long as the supply for free distribution lasts.

V . . . —

WHAT NEXT?

The Detroit Diesel Engine division, General Motors corporation has disclosed production of a new and powerful engine that not only increases the concentration of the horsepower fourfold but effects a sharp reduction in space requirements. Known as the Quad, the unit is effected by the putting together of four standardized 6-cylinder, two-cycle Diesel engines and gearing their horsepower output to a common propeller shaft. The Quad is being used in landing barges of the United States navy.

STROKES FROM THE BRUSH OF LOCAL No. 127

BY HUGHIE RUTLEDGE: The sick list of the local at the present time remains very low with only the following brothers on at this time: Harry Hansen, at the veterans' hospital in Livermore, improving. Grant Ellis, laid up with rheumatism. Stewart Freeburger in about the same condition. Chas. Fatthauer, improving. J. P. Lewis is now working part time. E. L. Meinke, laid up with stomach trouble, and Bernard Vincent has trouble with his feet. Do not fail to report into the office immediately upon becoming sick, as benefits start from the date of the first report and not from the date of the sickness.

The building trades council is putting on a big drive for all its affiliated members to purchase an additional bond before Labor day which is September 6th. All bonds purchased by the members from a booth to be established in the labor temple will be credited to the local that the purchaser belongs. Whatever amount this local's members purchase will be set down as going towards the purchase of any certain piece of war equipment. Thus if our members purchase 250,000 dollars of bonds, the government will place our name upon a flying fortress. Tanks are named for from 25 thousand to 50 thousand dollars. The bonds remain the property of the member who purchases them. Pledge cards are now available in the office and any brother who wishes to join in this campaign can phone the office and a pledge card will be mailed to you to fill out and return. As soon as the booth is set up you will be notified to come in and purchase whatever amount you can spare. The local union trustees are going to head the list with a purchase of around 12,000 dollars for the local. Let's show the rest of the locals that our members are behind the boys who are fighting on the front. This local now has over a hundred of its members in the armed forces.

Whatever else may be said of the war manpower clearances it certainly has stopped the brothers from shifting around from job to job. Referrals are being handled through this office and we are still in need of more painters. One interesting occurence was the placing of an ad in the daily papers by one of the painting firms in this district asking for painters. When the response came in, this local secured new applications for membership. Maybe the old saying, it pays to advertise, still holds good.

Well, it's a long road that don't turn some time. For quite a while now much good natured bandying has been going on about a particular brother shooting holes in his refrigidaire. Well, now comes the story of the brave lads in the wilds of the Livermore hills who picked off a brace of fowl by shooting through the top of a Chevrolet sedan and then wound up by anchoring the car around a big pine tree, so that the wild deer could not run away with it. Any more casual remarks about that ice box deal will result in the entire details of the Livermore affair and the names of those involved being published in this column. As we said, it's a long road, etc.

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Collections of tin cans have increased considerably since the program went into effect last spring: from a modest 1,000 tons of tin cans during the first month of the campaign to 20,000 tons in April. But present collections are only a third of a conservatively estimated potential.

Salvaged tin cans are needed to supplement the nation's supply of three critical war materials—tin, steel, and copper. The bulk of tin cans salvaged is used for tin reclamation and steel production—the percentage reckoned as 1 per cent tin and 99 per cent steel scrap.

Hence, if no more than 20,000 tons of tin cans are salvaged monthly, at least 4,000 tons of pure tin, 396,000 tons of steel scrap and 100,000 tons of cans for copper precipitation will be thrown into the garbage and city dumps this year and lost for war use.

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V . . . —

TO GET THEIR JOBS BACK

Former federal employes now in the armed forces will be returned to their jobs after the war, under a ruling by the civil service commission. It also stated that these men would be given any promotions they might have won had not military service intervened.

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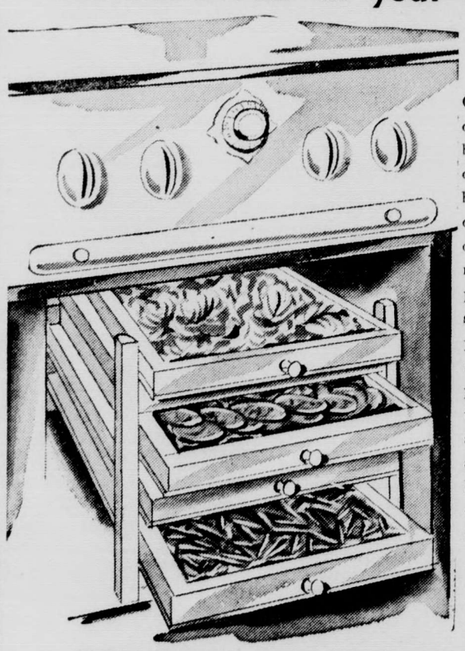
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